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Concert To Benefit Hurricane Relief/New Orleans Family

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(October 20, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian, The City of Troy and River Street Beat Shop will present a two stage concert this Saturday that will benefit Hurricane Katrina victims through the Salvation Army, as well as a family in New Orleans with local ties.

The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on River Street this Saturday, at the intersection of State Street. Performing at that stage will be an eclectic group of folk artists, including: Roseanne Raneri, Frank Jacklitch, Good Earth, McMahon Jones Blue Grass Jam, Mike Eck, The Chris's, Rob Beauleau and Friends, White Star Line, Wide Awake, Matt Durfee, and Casey J Chapman.

That portion of the concert is sponsored by the River Street Beat Shop and Jim Barrett. The concert will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and portions of River Street will be closed during the day. Funds raised from this portion of the concert will go the family of performer Frank Jacklitch, whose sister is a New Orleans resident with three children that lost everything during Hurricane Katrina.

"The music community around in the Capital Region, and the City of Troy, know Frank Jacklitsch well, and understand this is a terrific cause," said Barrett, who has already raised money with a concert several weeks ago. "We want everyone to come on down and enjoy a great day of music for a terrific cause."

The second stage of music will take place in Riverfront Park and feature local bands with a faster beat. Beginning at Noon on Saturday, the bands: My Last Sunrise, Method of Productive Means, Corona of the Sun, Maurizio, and Human X will entertain the crowds downtown.

With yet another storm closing in on the continental United States, Tutunjian said Thursday that we are seeing more and more that organizations like the Salvation Army can use donations throughout the year.

"It's been more than six weeks since Hurricane Katrina changed the way we look at natural disasters in this country," Tutunjian said. "With yet another storm closing in on us this weekend, it is clear that the organizations like the Salvation Army, need all the help they can get."

Captain John Riley of the Salvation Army said Thursday that he appreciates any help local residents can provide the Salvation Army.

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“Certainly we have many causes we deal with on both a local and national level,” Riley said. “A spot light has been put in the people of New Orleans, but all over, there are people that need the help of the Salvation Army. We appreciate the support of the City of Troy and its residents in this matter.”

For more information on the show please contact Jeff Buell at 270-4554 or Jim Barrett at 470-3023.